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Felon Charged with Shooting Dog, Fleeing Police

A Lakewood man was charged today with six felony counts, including animal cruelty, in connection with the fatal shooting of a dog, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Shane Michael Dubyak (dob 2/14/96) faces one count each of cruelty to an animal; fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle while driving recklessly; possession of a controlled substance with a firearm, heroin and a revolver; and unlawful possession of ammunition as well as two counts of possession of a firearm by a felon.

Case VA152581 includes an allegation that Dubyak used a revolver in the commission of animal cruelty.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department 5 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Downey Branch.

On Jan. 5, the defendant reportedly shot a 15-year-old terrier named Artie that was left under his care, in the 16400 block of Phoebe Avenue in La Mirada, prosecutors said. On Jan. 10, police spotted Dubyak and he fled when they attempted to detain him, prosecutors added.

Prosecutors are requesting the defendant be held with no bail for violation of probation terms in case VA149459 in which Dubyak pleaded no contest to one felony count of identity theft with a prior.

If convicted as charged on the current case, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of more than 14 years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Norwalk Station.

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